



Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 11, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2007

Business Item
SW Item: 2007 – 410

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	November 29, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Interceptor Modifications Necessitated By the I-35W Bridge Replacement
District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Annette Meeks; District 8, Lynette Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Moeller , Assistant General Manager – Interceptor Services, 651-602-4504
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for modification of facilities for interceptors 8255, 1-MN-310, and 1-MN-300 in the vicinity of the proposed I-35W Bridge construction.

Background

The Metropolitan Council currently owns and operates interceptor facilities (1-MN-310, 1-MN-300, and 8255) that traverse the bridge construction site. The proposed bridge design requires modification to near-surface facilities associated with interceptors 8255 and 1-MN-300 located within the 2nd Street SE right-of-way. The proposed design will also require modification of access structure facilities associated with interceptor 1-MN-310 located within the Washington Avenue right-of-way.

Rationale

Modification of these facilities should be undertaken by the MnDOT bridge contractor to avoid unnecessary interference, conflicts, and inefficiencies that arise when multiple contractors occupy a single site. Authorization to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to construct the interceptor modifications will save the region money, reduce disruption to the region and accelerate the completion of the I-35W Bridge.

Funding

The cost of the modifications will be paid for by MnDOT.

Known Opposition / Support

None